



Francis Rozario

Fr. Salem Irudaya Selvaraj Francis Rozario comes from the Diocese of Salem in India. He was born on the 13th of December, 1975. He joined the Society of African Missions in 1992. After his philosophical studies at Karumathur in India, he did the International Spiritual Year program in the Philippines from 1996 to 1997. He did his theological studies at *Saint Coeur de Marie* of Anyama Major Seminary (Ivory Coast), he took his final oath of membership to the SMA in 2002 before being ordained in 2003. He was then appointed to Nigeria where he worked in the diocese of Kontagora as parochial vicar at the parish of New Bussa (years?) 'Agwara. From 2006 to 2010, he studied and obtained a degree in Bible studies from the Pontifical Biblical Institute of Rome. He was appointed to the formation staff of SMA formation House in Ibadan and taught at Sts. Peter and Paul Major Seminary of Bodija (Nigeria). In 2013, he was elected SMA General Councilor where he undertook various responsibilities: formation, media, and was involved in raising awareness against human trafficking. He is also interested in the question of exorcism, seeking out how Christ, who rose at Easter, constitutes the paradigm of human liberation. He notably published two books on the History of SMA in Nigeria. Delegates to the 2019 General Assembly elected him General Councilor.